

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

To: Parties in <u>Bay State Gas Company</u>, D.T.E. 06-31

From: Caroline M. Bulger, Hearing Officer

Date: August 29, 2006

Re: Procedural Schedule

After discussion among and with all the parties, attached is the procedural schedule in the referenced matter.

I. Review of Company's Filing

Intervenor/DTE discovery of Company: Ends September 5

Procedural/Discovery Conference: September 7

Company responses due: September 18

Procedural/Discovery Conference: September 27

II. Review of Intervenors' Filings

Intervenor notice of intent to sponsor witness(es): September 1

Intervenor testimony due: October 2

Company discovery of intervenor witnesses: Ends October 15

Intervenor responses to Company discovery due: October 20

Procedural/Discovery Conference October 21

Procedural/Discovery Conference: October 26

III. Evidentiary Hearings November 7,8,9,

(November 14)

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IV. Briefing

Intervenor briefs: December 5

Company brief: December 19

Intervenor reply briefs: January 9

Company reply brief: January 16